

**NAVAJO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, August 26, 2014**

**PRESENT:** Sylvia Allen, Supervisor; Dawnafe Whitesinger, Supervisor; David Tenney, Supervisor; and Jesse Thompson, Chairman were present in person. Jonathan M. Nez, Supervisor was present by video conference.

**9:00 a.m. Call To Order:** Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by **Chairman Thompson**.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** Andrea Bahe from the Hardrock Chapter addressed the Board of Supervisors regarding her work on rural addressing in the Hardrock Chapter area. Ms. Bahe indicated they are enhancing the E-911 system, which is the first of its kind on the Navajo reservation. She stated they are about 90% completed with the project. Ms. Bahe expressed appreciation to Navajo County for their assistance throughout the task.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** a) Minutes: August 12, 2014 b) Constable Reports: Snowflake Precinct #3, July and Pinetop-Lakeside Precinct #6, July 2014 c) Clerk of Superior Court Report July 2014 d) Juvenile Probation Report July 2014 e) Justice Court Reports: Holbrook Precinct #1, July; Winslow Precinct #2, July; Snowflake Precinct #3, July; Kayenta Precinct #4, July; Show Low Precinct #5, July; and Pinetop-Lakeside Precinct #6, July 2014 f) 2015 Drug Enforcement Administration HIDTA Task Force Agreement for cooperative efforts with Navajo County Sheriff's Office in disrupting the use and abuse of controlled substances g) FY14 Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification report for the Navajo County Sheriff's Office h) Public Utility Easement for the Public Works Complex i) Name an existing road in the Pinetop-Lakeside area to "Cross Creek Trail" in Section 24, Township 09 North, Range 22 East j) Name an existing road in the Pinedale-Clay Springs area to "Brindle Bull Lane" in Section 29, Township 11 North, Range 20 East k) Name an existing road in the Show Low-Linden area to "Fireside Lane" in Section 09, Township 10 North, Range 21 East l) Letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requesting additional public information meetings and public hearings, and for an extension of the public comment period for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Proposed Revision of the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf published in the Federal Register on July 25, 2014 (79 Fed. Reg. 43358) and the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Revision to the Nonessential Experimental Population of the Mexican Wolf (*Canis Lupus Baileyi*) dated July 14, 2014 m) Sympathy letter to the family of Marty McNeil: **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to authorize the Chairman to sign the items in the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

James Jayne, County Manager welcomed Sheila Malone to the Board of Supervisor's staff.

**WE ARE NAVAJO COUNTY:** Presentation of the We are Navajo County Video: James Jayne addressed the Board regarding the team that created the "We are Navajo County" Video. Mr. Jayne recognized the efforts of team members and the partnership with Mel West, from City 4TV. He thanked Teri Walker, LaRee Price, Hunter Moore, Pam Phillips, LuAnn Garbini, Trent Larson, Kristyn Saunders and Mel West. Mr. Jayne expressed appreciation to Melissa Buckley, the Public Works team, the Public Defender's office, the Tribune News, Show Low Historical Society, Navajo County Historical Society, Sunrise Ski Resort, White Mountain Partnership, and the Navajo County Strategic Planning team for their time, creativity and passion in telling our story. Mr. Jayne complimented the screen writer, Teri Walker, the producer/director, LaRee Price and the creative director Hunter Moore. Mr. Jayne read comments from both Teri Walker and LaRee Price. The Board watched the video and expressed their appreciation.

**Chairman Thompson** introduced Andy Tobin, Speaker of the House who reminded everyone to vote today.

**EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:** Navajo County Recognizes **Debbie Serna** (County Attorney), **Detrick Woods** (Information Technology), **Melanie D'Angelo** (Public Works) and **Michael Sample** (Clerk of Superior Court) for their excellence in personal performance far exceeding organization expectations: Kimberly Eavenson recognized Debbie Serna, Detrick Woods, Melanie D'Angelo, and Michael Sample for their outstanding performance to Navajo County. A short video of the employee recognition was shown. Mrs. Eavenson thanked each of the employees and honored them with a certificate of recognition, a \$50.00 gift card and a leaf to put on the employee recognition tree.

**HUMAN RESOURCES:**

- a. Personnel Service Awards: Congratulations to the following employees for their continued service to Navajo County: Marla Queiruga (Sheriff's Office) 5 years; Delford Wauneka (Facilities Management) 5 years; Wylie Williams (Sheriff's Office) 5 years; Steven Bowers (Public Works) 10 years; Jeffrey Nafziger (Health District) 10 years; James Cummings (Jail Operations) 10 years; Kirk Grugel (Superior Court) 10 years; Robert Bohner (Superior Court) 15 years; Dara Davis (Jail Operations) 20 years; Randall Whipple (Public Works) 25 years; and Joel Ruechel (County Attorney) 30 years of service: Kimberly Eavenson recognized Marla Queiruga, Delford Wauneka, and Wylie Williams for their 5 years of service to Navajo County; Steven Bowers, Jeffrey Nafziger, James Cummings, and Kirk Grugel for their 10 years of service to Navajo County; Robert Bohner for his 15 years of service to Navajo County; Dara Davis for her 20 years of service to Navajo County; Randall Whipple for his 25 years of service to Navajo County; and Joel Ruechel for his 30 years of service to Navajo County.
- b. Consideration and possible approval of Personnel Actions: Kimberly Eavenson reviewed the 28 item personnel action report. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the personnel actions as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.
- c. Consideration and possible re-appointment of Brian Shields to the Disciplinary Appeals Review Commission: Kimberly Eavenson discussed the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the re-appointment of Brian Shields to the Disciplinary Appeals Review Commission; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS/ADMINISTRATION:**

- a. Presentation to James Menlove and the Finance Team for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting: James Jayne recognized James Menlove and the Finance Team for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. He indicated James Menlove and the finance team received the award for their Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. He stated this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row that the finance team has received this award.
- b. Retirement presentation to Trudy Gishie for 48 years of service as an educator for the Dilcon Community School, Inc.: **Chairman Thompson** presented Trudy Gishie a plaque and recognized her for her 48 years of service as an educator for the Dilcon Community School. **Chairman Thompson, Supervisor Nez** and **Supervisor Whitesinger** acknowledged and thanked Ms. Gishie for her excellent service in educating youth.
- c. Presentation to Navajo County and Navajo Department of Transportation team members whom contributed to the milling project on Navajo Route 9887: Homero Vela recognized those individuals who contributed to the milling project on Navajo Route 9887. Homero Vela thanked **Chairman Thompson** for his leadership of this project. Homero Vela recognized and presented certificates of appreciation to the following Navajo County Team; Russ McCray, Bill Sturgeon, Martinez Mike,

Chester Robinson, Steve Bowers, George Amador, Shelby Beeler, Chris Lewis, Dan Lewis, Vincent Spurlock, Bob Ripley, Evon Amos, Nicky Baca, Wilmer Dickson, Larry Griffin, Thomas Pucket, Ricky Denton, Norm Cody and Alberto Peshlakai. Mr. Vela also recognized Morris Muskett and Patrick Martinez from the Navajo Department of Transportation.

- d. Consideration and possible approval of a proclamation declaring September 10 through September 14, 2014 as “Country Pride, County Wide at the Navajo County Fair”: **Supervisor Allen** read the proclamation celebrating the 83<sup>rd</sup> year of the Navajo County Fair. **Supervisor Allen** recognized the Navajo County Fair Board and volunteers who contribute their time and energy to making the Fair and Rodeo a success. Michael Sample, Fair Board President thanked Navajo County for all the support they give to the Fair each year. **Supervisor Allen made a motion** to approve the proclamation declaring September 10 through September 14, 2014 as “Country Pride, County Wide at the Navajo County Fair”; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**NAVAJO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DISTRICT: Board of Directors Session: Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to enter into the Navajo County Public Health Services District Board of Directors Session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **CONSENT AGENDA: Amendment #5 of Contract #ADHS12-007893 with the Arizona Department of Health Services for Emergency Preparedness Program for July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$225,959.13**; Mary Tyler discussed the consent item. John Zimmerman discussed the preparations for a public health or other type of emergency through planning, training and completion of exercises. **Supervisor Whitesinger made a motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion seconded by **Supervisor Tenney**. Vote unanimous approving the motion. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to return to regular session; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**SHERIFF: Consideration and possible approval of Pay My Jailer program between Advent Financial Systems, LLC and the Sheriff’s Office for collection of debt owed by inmates following release**: Chief Deputy Sheriff, James Molesa discussed the item and answered questions of the Board. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the Pay My Jailer program between Advent Financial Systems, LLC and the Sheriff’s Office for collection of debt owed by inmates following release; motion seconded by **Supervisor Whitesinger**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

At 10:37 a.m. **Supervisor Nez** left the meeting.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT: Consideration and possible approval of a proclamation declaring the month of September as “National Preparedness Month 2014”**: Catrina Roe discussed the item. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to approve the proclamation declaring the month of September as “National Preparedness Month 2014”; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

**COUNTY BUSINESS UPDATE: Report from Board members, County Attorney and County Manager**: **Supervisor Allen** reported on meetings with her constituents. **Supervisor Allen** discussed the Transfer of Public Lands. She indicated that she has some speaking engagements and gave information regarding the Wolf Issue. **Supervisor Whitesinger** reported on her speaking engagements for a “Life is Precious” conference for the White Mountain Apache Tribe’s Behavioral Health and the First Things First Childhood Summit which lasted for three days, in learning to better support early childhood initiatives. **Supervisor Whitesinger** indicated the Sunrise Board had a meeting where they wrapped up the summer season. She stated the Sunrise Ski Resort is preparing for the ski season which starts in November. She stated the Sunrise Ski Resort received the

Business of the Year award recognition from the Phoenix Indian Center. **Supervisor Tenney** reported on the Forest Restoration Conference that was hosted by the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension. He indicated there were discussions on funding for the Apache-Sitgreaves Forest and the efforts of the 4FRI collaboration. **Chairman Thompson** spoke of a transportation grant project with NACOG, the Hopi Tribe and Navajo County to help the elderly population. James Jayne, County Manager thanked Hunter Moore for telling the Navajo Counties Story at the White Mountain Business Owners Roundtable. Mr. Jayne indicated Melissa Buckley and Vicky Solomon will be presenting "Welcome Aboard," a workshop for the new employee orientation, which is an overview of the county.

**ADJOURN:** At 10:51 a.m. **Supervisor Tenney made a motion** to adjourn; motion seconded by **Supervisor Allen**. Vote unanimous approving the motion.

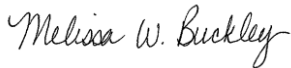
**APPROVED:**

**DATED: September 9, 2014**



**Jesse Thompson, Chairman**  
**Navajo County Board of Supervisors**

**ATTEST:**



**Melissa W. Buckley, Clerk**  
**Navajo County Board of Supervisors**